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SUBJECT: 1973 MOSCOW FILM FESTIVAL

REF: MOSCOW A-157, MARCH 31, 1973

1. JACK VALENTI HAS ACCEPTED DEPARTMENT/ USIA REQUEST THAT HE HEAD MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY DELEGATION TO MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL. MPAA PLANS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VALENTI ACCEPTANCE DURING WEEK OF JUNE 3.

2. USG NOT OFFICIALLY PARTICIPATING IN FESTIVAL BUT WILL SUPPORT INDUSTRY, INCLUDING EMBASSY COOPERATION WITH US DELEGATION.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM MFA, IN REPLY TO ITS INVITATIONAL NOTE ENCLOSED REF AIRGRAM, THAT US MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED COMPLETE INFORMATION ON FESTIVAL AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE. MR. JACK VALENTI, PRESIDENT OF MPAA, HAS AGREED TO HEAD US MOTION PICTURE DELEGATION AND WILL

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ANNOUNCE NAMES OF OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS AT
EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

4. FYI: VALENTI ASSOCIATE (CLARK) HAS ASSURED US THAT
VALENTI INTENDS TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENT AND
USIA, INCLUDING SELECTION OF FEATURE FILM TO BE SHOWN AT
FESTIVAL. NO DECISION YET ON WHICH FILM TO PRESENT BUT

CLARK MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF NEW FILM " OKLAHOMA CRUDE",
DEALING WITH OPENING OF OKLAHOMA OIL FIELDS. (FILM IS
SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE THIS MONTH AND STARS GEORGE SCOTT
AND FAYE DUNAWAY.) MPAA PLEASED WITH USG PARTICIPATION
IN FESTIVAL IN WAKE OF 1971 EXPERIENCE. SOVIET EMBASSY
HAS BEEN INFORMED AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH
DECISION. END FYI. RUSH

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